

dear brother while saying "good-bye" Monday morning signified his intention of hereafter fighting under the "banner of the cross." "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

All things considered this was one of the most successful meetings ever held. The prospects for the "Gospel of Christ" was never brighter in this district than now. Brethren of Lathrop, Union, Ripon, Vernalis, Altimont, Lindsey, Turlock, Fairview, Antioch and Chaperrell pray daily for your evangelist. Don't go to bed till you have asked God to bless him for his evening work, and don't go to work until you have asked Him to bless him throughout the labors of the day. Brethren, please do this for Jesus sake. We also request of the Santa Clara county Brethren the same kindly office, and also the general brotherhood.

Now, brethren, select a number of those you would see saved at a certain time, and present them daily, by name to God in prayer. Also speak a few words in season, and when alone with them. Remember it is not the much medicine and attendants that recovers a patient, but regular doses, and comparative quiet. Should your patients not progress as you think, don't stop the medicine, but study the nature of the case, and then carefully prepare the doses. Remember the case will require different medicines as it goes through the different stages. When you have done all you can, remember, "Paul may plant Apollos water, but the increase is of God." Let us do the planting and watering, for that is ours to do and God will indeed give the increase. Let each of us heed the command, "Fall in" and press forward shoulder to shoulder in defense of the Gospel, the whole Gospel and nothing but the Gospel. Where our Captain leads let none falter.

"Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit." Amen.

Lathrop, Cal.

Proceedings of Indiana State Conference Assembled at Roann, Sept. 26, 27, 28, '93.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Annual sermon by W. C. Perry, Chairman of Conference.

Appointment of committee on credentials.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Session opened with Scripture lesson, and prayer by Dr. D. C. Christner. In the absence of Miller, Secretary of Conference, Laura Grossnickle was chosen Secretary pro tem.

While waiting for report of committee on credentials, G. W. Rensch asked whether the churches of Indiana are working under the constitution, and whether it is the idea that each minister, holding ministerial credential shall bring a certificate from his church,—to which Brother Perry replied that in order to know what ministers are entitled to work in the Conference, each minister should have a local certificate from his church, to make good the ministerial credentials issued by the Conference committee last year.

L. W. Ditch made a motion that the officers of Conference constitute the board of credentials from year to year.—No second.

Brother Christner moved that all committees appointed by Conference at the present or in the future continue in service only until the next meeting.—Motion carried.

Committee on credentials reported: North Manchester; Callie Brewer, Mollie Arthur, Israel Penrod. Fairview; J. H. Lydick, Wm. McDonald. Mt. Union; Jeremiah Neter. Roann; J. E. Yocum, Shelby Arthur, Levina Jones. Roanoke; John M. Kiefer. Claypool; John Tully, John Olinger. New Highland; Emma Huffman, Daniel Dickerhoof, S. S. Huffman. Twelve Mile; Robert A. Kelsey, A. J. Ford. Flora; Elizabeth Snowberger. Tiosa; D. C. Swanger, Geo. Lewis. Burn's Chapel; Nettie Sayger. College Corner; Madison Kurtz, L. A. King. Salem; Susie Hendricks, Nannie Moore. New Enterprise; Hezekiah Tombaugh. Milford; J. C. Drouckamiller. Huntington; H. S. Sprinkle.

Ministerial credentials presented: A. S. Menough, Enos Sala, Laura E. N. Grossnickle, Esther L. Dickey, L. W. Ditch, W. C. Perry, Wm. W. Summers, D. C. Christner, D. A. Hopkins, Peter Pontius, J. H. Swihart.

J. H. Swihart presented a letter from Shideler,—Maple Grove church asking to be recorded as one of the churches of Indiana Conference.

The chair appointed as committee on committees, J. H. Swihart, H. S. Sprinkle and L. W. Ditch.

A motion was made by Brother Christner that former members of the conference, who came without local credentials, should be permitted to take part in the deliberations of the conference.—Motion carried.

A motion was made that all delegates instructed by their churches to sign the constitution,

should do so at once.—Carried.

List of churches signing constitution through their delegates: Burn's Chapel, Maple Grove, Salem, Flora, New Highland, Fairview, North Manchester, New Enterprise, Twelve Mile, Claypool. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Session opened at 1:30 with song and prayer. Roll-called. Minutes read, corrected, and adopted. Unfinished work. No statistician's report prepared. Home mission report not ready.

The evangelist appointed by conference last year, and to whom had been assigned the work of organizing and advancing young people's work, having resigned, no report of that was given.

A letter of greeting to the conference from J. Allen Miller urging the duty of advancing the young people's work, was read by the chair.

Report of pastors who did mission work outside of their own charge during the year, as advised by conference last year, in the plan to aid weak churches. Brother Rensch, Sister Grossnickle, Brother Summers, Brother Binkley, Brother Hopkins, Brother Ditch, Sister Dickey and Brother Fox reported work done in this line.

Bro. Christner urged the necessity of concentration of effort for successful mission work. H. S. Sprinkle, S. S. Huffman and Israel Penrod were elected to constitute the Mission Board for the coming year. The board organized with S. S. Huffman, chairman; Israel Penrod, secretary; H. S. Sprinkle, treasurer.

Jacob Cripe represented D. C. Ullery, of South Bend, in asking the conference to send a committee to the church at that place to settle grievances between the church and Bro. Ullery. Bro. Rensch being acquainted with the grievances, and the action of the church, he himself having been present when the church took action, stated that the work done, had been by a two-thirds vote of those present; that the church would not receive a committee from conference, and that the conference had no authority to send a committee to South Bend, because neither the pastor nor church belong to conference, neither having signed the constitution. Conference instructed the committee on committees to appoint a committee to meet Brother Cripe, and hear the case in full and if in their judgment it was advisable, they should appoint a committee to visit South Bend, to be understanding of the church's position, and accept the decision of the committee, and pay all expenses.

Committee on ministerial credentials: W. C. Perry, D. C. Christner, and W. W. Summers. Committee on Young People's work: G. W. Rensch, Peter Pontius, and Etta Tombaugh. Committee on S. S. C. E.: Laura Grossnickle, Esther Dickey and Etta Tombaugh. Committee on Sunday School Work: W. C. Perry, Sister Domer, S. S. Huffman. Committee on Publication: D. C. Christner, W. C. Perry, R. K. Binkley. Committee on resolutions: D. C. Christner, L. W. Ditch, and John M. Keefer. Committee to hear South Bend grievances: D. C. Christner, J. H. Swihart, D. A. Hopkins. D. C. Christner was elected president of the Conference, W. W. Summers, vice-president; Etta Tombaugh, secretary, and Israel Penrod, treasurer.

(To be continued.)

### Sisters' Department.

DEAR SISTERS: As sister Harrison has asked to hear from the different societies, we respond. It is due Sister Harrison, for this work has been, and is a great deal of work, and I know words of encouragement along the line would be helpful to her as well as all the rest of us. Now, sisters, let us get out of this self life. Such golden opportunities as we have if we but use our talents. We think we have, in every way, a splendid S. S. C. E. at Mexico. In the first place, I will tell you how we raise our money. We do but little work, as there are two other societies in the town, and they make every effort in the way of socials, and festivals, and as they all number more than ours, and sew for less, they get the most to do, so our sisters pay so much a week, five or ten cents, or whatever they feel able to pay. Most of the sisters live in the country and would rather raise something at home to sell than go away to work, yet we occasionally sew. And it all comes so cheerfully and with such pleasant jests that it does one good to see the collection taken. We use our S. S. C. E. principally for spiritual development; and, as many of the sisters have expressed themselves, they never had anything to do them as much good. When we began we had but few sisters that would offer a prayer; and now all of them pray, and all express themselves on the lesson. We have singing, a Scripture lesson and discuss it, which is very interesting, bringing out many thoughts. Next meeting we have the sixth chapter of 2 Corinthi-

ans. We usually have a prayer from all, singing; and sometimes we have select reading and articles written, occasionally repeat the Lord's Prayer in concert. There is a great deal of enthusiasm and hearty good will among us. We take the collection once a month, but usually meet every two weeks. We meet with the different sisters for their encouragement. We are now laying plans to take a step forward, that we may be more united against the many evils of the day. Will let you hear from us when completed. Now who has better plans? Let us hear from you; we want the best there is. Come, sisters, let us awaken; we have been sleeping long enough. Am so anxious to see a long list of new S. S. C. E.'s. Surely every church can be with us now. Now, Indiana sister's, let us have the longest list. God bless you all, and especially do we feel that sister Harrison needs our encouragement for her efforts.

MRS. L. B. SKINNER.

Mexico, Ind.



Do The Old Members Want us Here?

BY EMMA PUTERBAUGH.

Paper read at the Illiokota Conference, Oct. '93.

To some this may seem a strange and perhaps uncalled for subject, but to us who have heard it said: "If the young people manage this work it will be a failure," we are certainly, after hearing such comments, made to wonder if the old members want us here. Do they want us to engage in the work of saving souls, or do they want us to leave that work for older heads and hearts? If we look around us we can see on all sides those who are unsaved. Do they wish us to hold our hands and never, by word or action, try to rescue them, and place their feet on a foundation that will never fall? When Christ was here on earth teaching the people, he said, when he saw the multitude: "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye, the Lord will send forth laborers into his harvest." Is there a larger today getting too many into his harvest? Do the old members want our assistance and co-operation? It is a saying that has been verified, that "in union there is strength." While we recognize the fact that we can not do the work of the old members, they who have much experience, yet would they not like our co-operation? While we have all the reverence for the old members and the work that they have done,—for had we occupied the place that they occupy perhaps we would review our work with sorrow,—yet we feel there is something left for each and every one of us; and by combining our efforts with theirs, good may be accomplished. By working with them we may be the better prepared to do work for the Master when they are gone. For surely the old members want us to take up their work when they have laid it aside. The time will come when they can work no more, and we will fold their hands and close the eyes that had become dimmed in the Master's cause. Their familiar faces will be missed from the accustomed places and many who have been cheered by their testimonies of the goodness of God will miss their words of cheer. Do they not want us, by our efforts, to help on the cause that they have loved so well? Do the old members want us to help in this good cause?

Lanark, Ill.

I Wonder if the Old Members Want Me?

BY WESLEY WINE.

Paper read at the Illiokota Conference, Oct. '93.

In looking over the EVANGELIST of September 20th, the above topic greeted me. My first thought was, "Of course they do." Another question, "Why do you think so?" presented itself. Well, I'll tell you why. To begin with, if they didn't want us, they would not have us here. If the old members did not want us we would have to step down and out immediately.

Now, why do they want us? Is it because we have enjoyed superior educational advantages, and our talent is needed to show them how to conduct themselves? Not at all. When we come to try to direct the affairs of our older brethren we will become aware of the fact, that we are not half as smart as before we tried it. Well, then, why do they want us? Consider one fact and the question

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